

WANTS GREATER PUBLICITY FOR ALL TAX LEVIES

Henry George, Jr., Outlines
Assessment Reforms.

MUCH NEEDED, HE SAYS

Publicity in the matter of tax assessments is the panacea Representative Henry George, jr., of New York, member of the subcommittee of the House District Committee appointed to investigate municipal and corporate affairs of the District, will advocate at the coming session of Congress.

Mr. George, who is also chairman of the special subcommittee to look into

What Mr. George Wants.

- 1—A different personnel for excise and assessment boards.
- 2—Annual instead of triennial assessments.
- 3—Notices to taxpayers, giving amount of their assessments and dates for hearings on possible protests.
- 4—Time for possible further action by the dissatisfied taxpayer after the hearings have finished, before the assessment rolls are finally closed.
- 5—The publication, as a public document for general distribution, of all assessment rolls.

Above all, Mr. George asks the hearty and public-spirited cooperation of residents of the District in his effort to bring about better conditions.

the affairs of the District assessor's office, has spent the last week in Washington, getting into closer touch with the affairs of the District assessor's office and with the manner of levying assessments on real property.

The son of the famous single tax advocate is strongly impressed with the necessity for remedial legislation at the next Congress.

"There is much to be done. I can see

that even at this early date," said Mr. George. "I have talked with the Commissioners and find them ready and willing to do all in their power to bring about better conditions. I am impressed with the earnestness of their desire in this. While I cannot go into detail at this time, this, in outline, is what I shall try to do:

"First—The excise board must be separated from the board of assessors—the work must be done by separate men. The excise board has nothing to do with assessment and taxation any more than with street cleaning, and yet the work of both boards is now performed by the same men.

"Second—I will try to bring about annual instead of triennial assessments.

"Third—I would like to require that a notice be sent to every taxpayer notifying him of the amount of his assessment and of the time assigned for a hearing in his case should he care to dispute his assessment.

"Fourth—When the hearings have ended a period of two weeks or a month should elapse before the assessment roll is finally closed, in order to allow a dissatisfied taxpayer time to take any further action that is open to him.

Publication of Rolls.

"Five—When the assessment roll is finally closed publication should be made, and the entire tax list by districts should be printed in pamphlet form and be sent out by the assessor's office on application as a public document. In this way every man will be able to see not only what he is assessed on his property, but what his neighbors are paying as well. This would tend to minimize the possibility of in-

FOR ASSESSMENT REFORM.



HENRY GEORGE, JR.,

Member of the District investigating committee, who is paying special attention to the question of real estate assessments in the District.

equitable assessments on parcels of land of like value.

"There is one point I would like to make particularly plain," continued Mr. George. "I myself would like to appeal to the public spirit in the community.

As a member of the District Committee I am besieged by men or associations who are seeking something for themselves. I would like to divide my time between those seeking something for themselves and those seeking something for the District of Columbia.

Appeals to Public Spirit.

"It would be extremely cheering to hear from men and organizations who want to uphold the city, and who are not looking for favors for themselves exclusively. Very frequently those who come to ask something for themselves are asking it at the expense of the District."

Mr. George was reticent in regard to the threatened attack by Chairman Johnson of the District Committee, on the half-in-half system of raising revenues for the District.

"I do not know that Mr. Johnson has formulated a new finance plan for the District or whether, if he has, I will support it or not," he said. "I don't believe Mr. Johnson, the District Committee, or Congress will do anything unfair to the District or its residents. It is possible some more equitable system of revenue raising could be devised. I think the people of the United States feel that they should bear a fair share of the expenses of the District. I think their Representatives in Congress appreciate this sentiment. But whether Congress will determine, if the matter is brought up for consideration, that the present system is fair both to the residents of the District and to the people of the United States, I cannot, of course, say."

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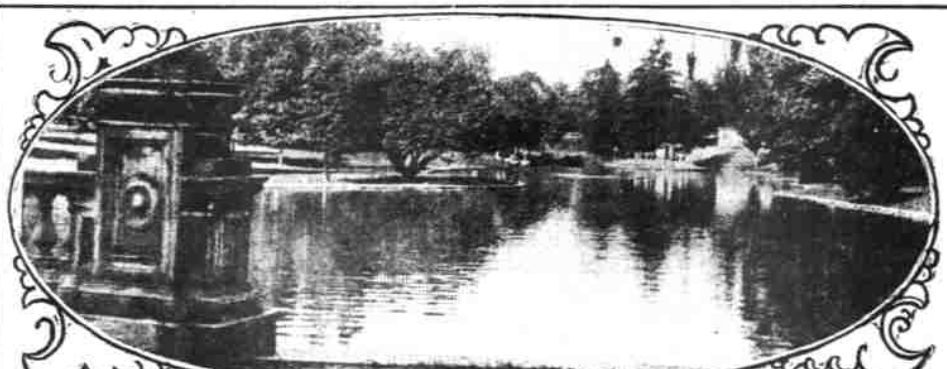
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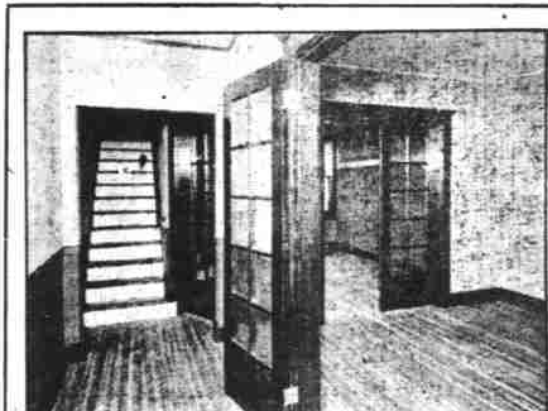


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View of Second Floor Looking from Front Bedroom.

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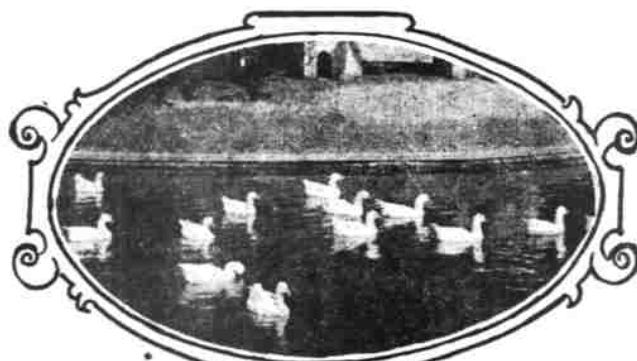
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